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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/585,449	Applicant(s) ECKERT, GUNTHER OSKAR	
	Examiner Yuan L. Chen	Art Unit 2854	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 22-45 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

2. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I claim(s) 22 - 23, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former which has effective width **between 2/3 and 1** forme cylinder width.

Group II claim(s) 22, 24 and 42, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former which has **effective width half** of forme cylinder width centering 1/3 web which has **2 vertical pages side-by-side**.

Group III claim(s) 22 and 25, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former which has a **further longitudinal cutter**.

Group IV claim(s) 22 and 26 - 27, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former including **transverse cutter** and **stapler**.

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- Group V claim(s) 22 and 28, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former followed by a **folding apparatus**.
- Group VI claim(s) 22 and 29, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former which has **width between 2/3 and 1** forme cylinder width.
- Group VII claim(s) 22 and 30 - 31, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former for printing **6 side-by-side newspaper pages**.
- Group VIII claim(s) 22 and 32, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former wherein the **partial webs are conducted to the former**.
- Group IX claim(s) 22 and 33, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former wherein the **1/3 web is folded by former with 1/2 web width**.
- Group X claim(s) 22 and 34, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former to operate in **the first and second operating positions**.
- Group XI claim(s) 22 and 35, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former wherein the folder is **fixed to the frame**.

- Group XII claim(s) 22, 36 and 38, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former including **all the turning bars** having **length greater than 1/2 web width**.
- Group XIII claim(s) 22, 37 and 39, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former including **all the turning bars** having **length greater than 2/3 web width**
- Group XIV claim(s) 22, and 40 - 41, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former including **movable turning bars in the web plane**.
- Group XV claim(s) 22, and 43, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former including **odd number of turning bars**.
- Group XVI claim(s) 22, and 44, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former which is **transversely to the entry direction**.
- Group XVII claim(s) 22, and 45, drawn to a (3m) printing press comprising a forme cylinder, at least one longitudinal cutter and a former with a **maximum area of ink transfer** for the forme cylinder.

3. Inventions listed as Group I - XVII do not directly relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.1, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: as shown in "Written Decision of the International Search Office" dated 4/7/2005, the cited D1

reference (Patent No. US 2463769) combined with Patent No. US 6827012 (Fig. 3) establishes a lack of unity *a posteriori* for the independent claim 1 in PCT/EP 05/50011, and the technical features of new independent Claim 22 (equivalent to claim 1 in PCT/EP 05/50011) are not the technical features that define a contribution over prior art.

4. Inventions I - XVII are directed to related apparatus. The related inventions are distinct if: (1) the inventions as claimed are either not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect; (2) the inventions do not overlap in scope, i.e., are mutually exclusive; and (3) the inventions as claimed are not obvious variants. See MPEP § 806.05(j). In the instant case, the inventions as claimed are mutually exclusive (in bold) as evidenced by the different limitations (in bold) recited in the dependent claims. Furthermore, the inventions as claimed do not encompass overlapping subject matter and there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants.

5. Claim 22 links inventions I - XVII. The restriction requirement among the linked inventions is **subject to** the nonallowance of the linking claim. Upon the indication of allowability of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions **shall** be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be rejoined and fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104 **Claims that require all the limitations of an allowable linking claim** will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier. Amendments

submitted after final rejection are governed by 37 CFR 1.116; amendments submitted after allowance are governed by 37 CFR 1.312.

Applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, the allowable linking claim, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

6. Restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper because all these inventions listed in this action are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious search and examination burden if restriction were not required because one or more of the following reasons apply:

- (a) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification;
- (b) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter;
- (c) the inventions require a different field of search (for example, searching different classes/subclasses or electronic resources, or employing different search queries);
- (d) the prior art applicable to one invention would not likely be applicable to another invention;

(e) the inventions are likely to raise different non-prior art issues under 35 U.S.C. 101 and/or 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse. Traversal must be presented at the time of election in order to be considered timely. Failure to timely traverse the requirement will result in the loss of right to petition under 37 CFR 1.144. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which of these claims are readable on the elected invention.

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yuan L. Chen whose telephone number is 571-270-3799. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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